

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 and add new claims 21-36 as follows:

- 1.-20. (Cancelled)
21. (New) A system for determining at least one aspect a biological fluid, said system comprising:
- (a) a test strip meter;
 - (b) at least one test strip comprising a bladder; and
 - (c) a test strip holder for use with said meter and configured for receiving said at least one test strip, said test strip holder comprising a lip for forming a liquid seal with a first surface of said at least one test strip when said test strip is received within said test strip holder.
22. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein said biological fluid is blood.
23. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein said at least one aspect is a measurement of clotting time of said blood.
24. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein said lip is configured to at least partially encompass a sample application region of said at least one test strip when said at least one test strip is received within said tests trip holder.
25. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein said test strip holder further comprises a raised bump that contacts the bottom surface of said at least one test strip when said at least one test strip is received within said test strip holder.
26. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein said at least one test strip holder further comprises a raised bump that contacts a second surface of said at least one test strip when said at least one test strip is received within said test strip holder.

27. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein said lip and said raised bump apply forces to said first and second surface of said at least one test strip that are substantially equal and opposite in direction to each other.
28. (New) The system of claim 27, wherein said forces range from about 0.1 lbs. to about 0.05 lbs.
29. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein said test strip holder is readily removable from said meter.
30. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein said test strip holder is permanently affixed to said meter.
31. (New) A method of determining at least one aspect of a biological sample, said method comprising:
 - (a) inserting a test strip into a test strip holder present in a meter to provide substantially equal and opposing forces to first and second surfaces of said test strip;
 - (b) applying said biological sample to said test strip; and
 - (c) determining at least one aspect of said biological sample.
32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said biological sample is blood.
33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein said at least one aspect is clotting time of said blood.
34. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said test strip holder is readily removable from said meter and said method further comprises removing said test strip holder from said meter.
35. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said substantially equal and opposing forces to first and second surfaces of said test strip range from about 0.1 lbs. to about 0.05 lbs.
36. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said substantially equal and opposing forces to first and second surfaces of said test strip are applied by a lip and a raised bump of said test strip holder.